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SUBJECT: DEATHS AND ESTATES - JOSEPH ELMAR MCKNIGHT

REF: LIVERPOOL'S A-13 OF APRIL 29, 1975, AND A-17 OF MAY 9, 1975

1. CONGEN TODAY INFORMED BY RUNCORN POLICE THAT JOSEPH ELMAR MCKNIGHT, SUBJECT OF AIRGRAMS UNDER REFERENCE, COMMITTED SUICIDE BY HANGING ON MAY 12.
2. CONGEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN ALTHOUGH SUBJECT'S MOTHER BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING AT 304 CHURCH STREET, MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA. CONGEN ALSO UNABLE TO CONFIRM SUBJECT'S CITIZENSHIP STATUS, BUT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MCKNIGHT'S EMPLOYERS, BRASSWELL SHIPYARDS, DUNOON, SCOTLAND, THAT HE WAS UNITED STATES CITIZEN. POLICE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MCKNIGHT BORN MARCH 6, 1932, PLACE UNKNOWN.
3. CONGEN INFORMED BY AMCONGEN EDINBURGH THAT SUBJECT ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN GLASGOW ON APRIL 18 WHEN HE WALKED IN FRONT OF A BUS. SUBJECT WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AND TREATED FOR HEAD INJURIES BUT WAS LATER DISCHARGED, AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED FROM PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A MR. DEWALD OF BRASSWELL SHIPYARDS IN DUNOON HAS ARRANGED WITH HIS COMPANY'S OFFICE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO CONTACT DECEASED'S MOTHER. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CHECK PASSPORT RECORDS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBLE LISTING OF NEXT OF KIN AND INFORM SAME OF DETAILS

OF SUBJECT'S ARREST AND DEATH. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTED TO  
CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO NEXT OF KIN:-

I DEEPLY REGRET TO HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE POLICE AT  
RUNCORN, CHESHIRE, ENGLAND, REPORTED TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE  
GENERAL AT LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND THAT JOSEPH ELMAR MCKNIGHT,  
BORN MARCH 6, 1932 DIED MAY 12, 1975. AT RISLEY, CHESHIRE,  
ENGLAND, BY TAKING HIS OWN LIFE WHILST BEING HELD IN CUSTODY  
AT RISLEY REMAND CENTRE, HOSPITAL WING.

AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS, FOLLOWING  
ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLANNING.  
ESTIMATED COST BURIAL AT LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND 359 DOLLARS:  
PREPARATION AND RETURN TO SOUTH CAROLINA BY AIR 1,510 DOLLARS.  
CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL 367 DOLLARS. CREMATION AND AIR  
SHIPMENT TO U.S. 364 DOLLARS. PLEASE TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS  
DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.  
INCLUDE IN MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF  
FUNERAL HOME IN U.S. IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPH FUNDS  
SEPARATELY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS, LIVERPOOL. MAKE FUNDS  
PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, LIVERPOOL FOR CASE OF  
JOSEPH ELMAR MCKINIGHT. IF SHIPMENT DESIRED, YOU MAY PREFER  
TO HAVE YOUR LOCAL FUNERAL HOME MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
YOU IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS MESSAGE. UPON RECEIPT REQUIRED  
FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS  
CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. ESTIMATED MINIMUM OF TEN DAYS REQUIRED  
FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS  
PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, SHIPMENT DATA WILL  
BE TELEGRAPHED TO U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT. UPON COMPLETION  
ALL FORMALITIES, COPY OF A REPORT OF DEATH TO BE PREPARED BY  
THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE SENT YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
PETERSON

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